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SUBJECT: INTERIM OMEGA NAV SYSTEM TECH CONFERENCE

REF: OSLO 4810

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED THAT LIBERIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO PRESENT STATUS REPORT ON OMEGA LIBERIA. HAS LEARNED ALSO THAT GOL SENDING AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS A. DUNDAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CARTOGRAPHY, MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINES. DUNDAS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY AND OMEGA PERSONNEL, HAS NOT WORKED WITH OMEGA PROJECT, HAS NOT HAD ANY GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND LITTLE IF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, AND UNFAMILIAR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH. IN FACT, HIS ONLY INVOLVEMENT WITH OMEGA WAS ON INITIAL LAND SITE SURVEY. GOL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OMEGA WAS TRANSFERRED IN FEBRUARY FROM MIN LANDS AND MINES TO MIN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION UNDER ASST. MIN. FOR TRANSPORTATION CAMPBELL. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE OFFERED TO DUNDAS, ONLY BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIFFICULTY IN PROCESSING FUNDS FOR PERSON IN CAMPBELL'S OFFICE.

2. ALTHOUGH ROIC OMEGA ASSISTING DUNDAS IN PREPARING MATERIAL PRESENT AT CONFERENCE, EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT LIBERIA WILL NOT BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT COAST
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GUARD AUTHORIZE CDR. ROBERT LEGGE ATTEND CONFERENCE, AS BACKUP

TO GOL REPRESENTATIVE. HE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH PROJECT
BOTH IN FINAL CONSTRUCTION AND INITIAL OPERATION PHASE.
EMBASSY REALIZES THIS SHORT NOTICE, BUT WE HAD
PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT GOL REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING WOULD
BE ONE OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OMEGA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE COORDINATE WITH GOAST GUARD
SOONEST TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGGE ATTEND CONFERENCE.
IF AUTHORIZED, FORWARD FISCAL DATA IMMEDIATELY ENABLE PROCESS
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. INFO REPLY OSLO.

4. FOR OSLO: PLEASE INFORM LONGAAS OF NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY THAT DUNDAS ATTENDING FOR GOL. IF LEGGE AUTHORIZED
ATTEND, WILL REQUIRE SAME HOTEL RESERVATIONS CITED REFTEL.
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